REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	09 August 2000
Name of applicant/court:	Secretary for Internal Affairs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	F**k Them All
Other Known Titles:	The Unofficial World Cup Supporters Song
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Not Applicable
Author:	Not Applicable
Format:	Compact Disc Sound Recording
Country of Origin:	New Zealand
Language:	English

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Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature:	Running time:
Trailers:	Running time:
	Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Unrestricted.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The compact disc sound recording entitled *F**k Them All*, also known as *The Unofficial World Cup Supporters Song*, is classified as:
Unrestricted.

This classification is because the unrestricted availability of the publication is not likely to be injurious to the public good, even though the publication may be offensive to some people.

The compact disc was originally released in 1999. It contains three humorous versions of a song relating to the New Zealand rugby team's 1999 Rugby World Cup campaign. The songs parody the song "Bless Them All" and use offensive language in a humorous manner as a challenge to other international rugby teams that the New Zealand team will win the competition. The songs were aimed primarily at New Zealand rugby supporters for the purpose of generating pride in the national team and to spur fans on to support the team in the competition. The songs on the CD are clearly intended to be humorous. The offensive language is used in a tongue-in-cheek way and not in a salacious or threatening manner. This humorous context reduces some of the impact of the offensive language.

The unrestricted availability of the publication is not likely to cause injury to the public good. While some people may be offended by the language that is used, the publication is intended to be a humorous rugby related parody and the Classification Office considers that most people would recognise it as such. The publication has been widely available in the past, having sold 5000 units and reaching No. 2 in the singles chart. The songs from it have also been widely broadcast in various versions. A wide audience of all ages is likely to have been exposed to it. The Classification Office is not aware of any evidence of injury to the public good caused by the wide exposure of the publication or the songs contained on it. The publication is also very much of its time. It contains novelty songs directly related to the 1999 Rugby World Cup. One year later, there is unlikely to be a high demand for it and it is unlikely to be distributed again or made widely available.

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